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WILSON PRAISED FOR BREAK.

PREDICTION MADE THAT HE WILL GIVE AMPLE REASONS.

Washington Times Prints Story Telling How New Jersey Governor's Action Gratifies Three Men.

Washington, Jan. 21.—That Gov. Woodrow Wilson will within the next few days give the public ample and sufficient reasons for having declared that Harper's Weekly was doing his presidential hopes more harm than good is the prediction made here today. On this subject the Washington Times prints the following story this morning:

"Three Maryland Democrats, all locally well known as political factors, discussed the Wilson-Harvey incident on a train last evening. They had all had leanings toward Gov. Wilson long before the Harvey affair.

"One said: 'The thing that always made me uncertain of a Democrat was the leadership of Harper's Weekly in his behalf; now I know he's my kind.'

"The second said, 'This affair has cleared away my last uncertainties about Wilson. I'm satisfied that he's the sort of man who, if nominated and elected, would be president for the people, not for the people who corralled the delegates and the campaign funds.'

"The third agreed with these views, and among them the trio named three other Democrats of their acquaintance who had expressed themselves in like vein.

"People who know Col. Harvey best have least doubt of the sincere quality of support he gave Gov. Wilson, and least uncertainty that he has given that support because he honestly believed in the ideals Wilson represents. Col. Harvey is not the reactionary representative of Wall street interests that has been widely represented.

"But mincing words is useless now. The truth is, and it is of every day knowledge to everybody who has mingled in recent months were practical politics has been discussed, that the

more harm than good. Asked the frank question whether that was his view of it, Gov. Wilson admitted that it was. Doubtless he could show a startling array of letters and other testimony to justify his conclusion. A man running for president can not afford to be needlessly misunderstood. Gratitude is well enough, but it is difficult to be grateful for that which hurts rather than helps. It is better to be accused of ingratitude than to be guilty of hypocrisy."

GOV. WILSON STILL SILENT.

Has Not Yet Decided Whether He Will Issue Statement Regarding Harvey Incident.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 21.—Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey returned tonight to Princeton from his trip to Michigan. He declined to be seen by newspaper reporters, but sent word he did not care to make any statement about the version furnished by Col. Harvey and Henry Watterson regarding the Manhattan club interview, at which he is said to have told Col. Harvey that Harvey's support was injuring him. The governor added he had not made up his mind whether he would make any statement at Trenton tomorrow.

RAILROAD SURVEY COMPLETED.

Engineers Follow Old Survey in Their Route—Enter Eastern Side of Town.

The engineers for the South Carolina Western Railroad have completed their latest survey, running the route along the old line first taken about fourteen years ago by Maj. W. L. Lee, when he made his survey for the Seaboard Air Line. However, when a few miles from town, the surveyors branched off to the east and ran their lines into town through the eastern side of the city.

Marriage License Record.

The following couples were granted marriage licenses Saturday:

White—Mr. Theo C. Johnson and Miss Sue Grooms.

Colored—Charlton Francis, Concord, and Lavinia Monroe, Mayesville; Jennings Kendrick, Jr., and Wilhelmina Atkinson, Claremont; Ezekiah Mickens, Providence, and Ida Winburn, Sumter; Lawrence Carolina, Providence, and Addie Brown, Oswego; Paul Gooden, Orangeburg, and Belle Tucker, Sumter; John Robertson, and Alice Mack, Jordon.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT STATE.

To Urge Adoption of "Rock Hill Plan" as Proposed by John G. Anderson.

Columbia, Jan. 20.—Acting under a resolution of the South Carolina State Farmers' Union, Commissioner Watson is soon to inaugurate a campaign throughout the cotton belt to interest the farmers in the movement to reduce cotton acreage. He will urge upon the State Farmers' Unions of the various States and the departments of agriculture to put the "Rock Hill Plan" in operation for reducing acreage.

The plan was promulgated by J. G. Anderson of Rock Hill and he is to accompany Commissioner Watson on the trip throughout the South.

The "Rock Hill Plan" in South Carolina is under the direction of Mr. Anderson, and the organization work is going rapidly forward. It is hoped by Mr. Anderson to have every county in the State organized within the next several weeks. Organizations for the perfection of the work in other States will be perfected.

Commissioner Watson is the president of the Southern Cotton Congress and the Farmers' Union meeting here several days ago adopted a resolution requesting that he take charge of the movement. The itinerary will be announced in a few days by Commissioner Watson.

CHANGES IN CANVASSERS.

Chairman Anderson Pleased With Address of Sumter Committee.

In order to have a full quota of canvassers in this county Mr. Neill O'Donnell, chairman of the "Rock Hill Plan" for Sumter County, has appointed Mr. N. A. Spann canvasser for Sumter township in place of Mr. J. M. Brogdon, and Mr. S. W. Raffield for Mayesville and Shiloh townships in place of Mr. E. W. Dabbs. Messrs. E. W. Dabbs and J. M. Brogdon stated that owing to other business they would not have time to serve as canvassers, although they were heartily in favor of the Rock Hill plan and would do all in their power to help the canvassers when they came to them. As nothing to the contrary has been heard from the other canvassers it is taken for granted that they will act as canvassers for their townships as appointed.

Mr. O'Donnell is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Anderson highly complimenting the Sumter committee in their work. Part of the letter is as follows:

Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 19, 1912. Mr. Neill O'Donnell, Chairman, Under Rock Hill Cotton Plan, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Mr. O'Donnell: Your letter of yesterday just received, and it is certainly very encouraging. I shall make a copy of it and send to the other chairmen today.

And I am going to have your address that was printed in the newspaper printed in circular form and send enough to every County Chairman, so that he can give a copy to every canvasser in the State. These canvassers to read this address to the individual farmer when the occasion demands it. It is certainly a well gotten up paper and contains the proper information for the farmer to know."

Monday morning Mr. O'Donnell stated that he was getting out pledges ready for all of the canvassers in the county and he would send these out to them immediately so that they could begin their work at once, before the time came when farm work claimed the attention of the men who had been appointed as canvassers.

GOOD ROADS MEETING MONDAY.

South Carolina Association Plans Interesting Programme for Session of Two Days.

Columbia, Jan. 20.—The South Carolina Good Roads Association will meet in this city at noon next Monday at either the court house or the city council chamber and a large attendance is expected for the session of two days. The association will be welcomed by Mayor Gibbs and immediately after will get down to business and discuss road problems from a business standpoint. There are several bills affecting the interests of the association before the general assembly, and these will be considered and passed on by those present. The various county supervisors have written President Hyatt that they would attend and the programme will be of considerable interest.

CONFERENCE MAY END STRIKE.

BELIEVED COMMITTEES MAY REACH AGREEMENT IN LAWRENCE.

Sixteen Thousand Idle Textile Operators May End Ten Day's Lay-off.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 21.—With the organization of strikers' committees to arrange for conferences of employees with the mill agents, a feeling was prevalent today that a great step had been taken toward ending the strike of 16,000 textile operators which has been in progress for ten days. Col. E. Leroy Sweetzer, commander of the regiment camped in the mill district, and Dudley M. Holman, Gov. Foss' secretary, both of whom attended conferences with the strikers today, expressed their belief that peace was probable shortly.

No further search was made today for dynamite, three lots of which were found in different parts of the city yesterday. According to the police, the tip by which the explosive was located came from members of the Italian squad on the police force, who have been engaged in the search in Boston for strangers supposed to have designs against the governor, and who came here yesterday and hunted among the Italians for two men, said to be professional dynamiters from Pennsylvania.

These men slept two nights in Boston, the police say, and arrived in Lawrence Friday night. They are being shadowed.

Joseph C. Etter, the strike leader, and hundreds of the strikers brand the whole affair as a deliberate frame-up and a "plant" to ruin the cause of the striking operatives. Etter laid it to private detectives. A member of the State police force who has been prominent in the investigation, was of the opinion tonight that the hearing tomorrow of the eight persons arrested when the dynamite was found, would develop testimony that the explosive was not to be used against the mill property.

Unconfirmed reports were rife tonight that many of the large mills which have been operating with reduced forces for the past week would not open their gates tomorrow.

Unless trouble develops tomorrow it is probable that some of the militia will be dismissed.

KILLS WIFE, THEN FLEES.

Mamie Granderson Shot Saturday Night by Her Husband—Dies from Wounds.

Wedgfield, Jan. 22.—Saturday night Mamie Granderson was shot and seriously wounded by her husband, Horace Granderson, who then made his escape. Monday morning the woman died from the effects of the wounds.

The shooting occurred on Henry Henderson's place, near Mr. Willie Shaw's place, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning Dr. Parler was called in to amputate the limb which was seriously injured.

Granderson and his wife have been living together until about four months ago, when they had a quarrel and separated. Mamie, or Mary, as she was known, going back to her former home at Wedgfield. Saturday night Granderson, who has been working in Sumter, and is said to have been a steady negro, paid a visit to his wife, but she refused to let him in when he went to the house. He then broke into the place and shot his wife with a gun, the load of shot taking effect in the leg between the knee and hip. Sunday the operation was performed on the woman and she died Monday morning from the effects.

Coroner Flowers was notified of the shooting and came to Wedgfield Sunday night. He held the inquest Monday morning, the jury returning a verdict according to the above testimony that the woman came to her death from a gunshot wound at the hands of her husband. Granderson has not been heard of, although a warrant was issued for him by the coroner.

Granderson and his wife were up in the police court in this city for discharging firearms and disturbance of the peace several months ago and both were fined at the time. Granderson paid his and his wife's fines and they separated afterwards. The quarrel and shooting Saturday night at Wedgfield seems to have been the culmination of their former quarrel.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING.

Action Taken by Educators in Having Bills Introduced in General Assembly.

To the Editor of the Item.

It is indeed encouraging to attend a meeting so full of interest and enthusiasm as was the meeting of the County Superintendents of Education held in Columbia Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The school law is imperfect and the system evolved from it is necessarily the same also. Many perplexing cases come up for the superintendent of each county to decide and work out the best way he can. The meeting in Columbia was for the purpose of discussing these trying situations, and, if possible, devise means for their relief. Several bills were proposed and committees appointed to carry them before the educational committee of the Senate and House in joint session.

Briefly these bills are:

One to provide for a central Board of Examiners who shall grade all examination papers, of those desiring to teach the papers being sent in to this board by county superintendents who hold two examinations, one in April and one in August.

Another bill asked for more funds so that needy schools may be run for a longer term.

Another bill asked for a Library fund which would be available any time during the year, and which would be sufficient to aid those schools which wished to increase their libraries.

Another bill asked for a fund for each county board of education to be used at the board's discretion to advance the cause of education in the county.

Another bill asked for an appropriation by the State of fifteen thousand dollars to aid schools ranking just below the high school and which, in most cases, were made up by consolidation and employed several teachers, but which were not able to secure fifteen pupils advanced sufficiently to enter the high school.

It is generally hoped by the county superintendents the State superintendent and all who are really in touch with the needs of the public rural schools of the State that these bills will be passed. It is very important that these schools should be improved, as it is in the rural public schools that the majority of the children of the State can hope for an education. Not one word against the higher institutions of learning; not one word against the city schools; not one word against necessary expenditures in other lines, where progress is sought, but of the State debt, figure, oh ye Honorable Solons, how much is due to money appropriated to give the country boy an education. You will never be accused of extravagance for giving aid to this cause, for it is in this that the hope of an advanced civilization depends.

J. Herbert Haynsworth, Co. Supt. of Education.

FARMERS REQUESTED TO COME OUT.

Reorganization of Boys' Corn Club to Take Place Next Saturday.

Messrs. O. H. Benson, O. B. Martin and L. L. Baker, the first two from Washington and the latter from Bishopville, all of whom are government experts in corn growing, will be in Sumter on next Saturday, January 27th, to reorganize the Boys' Corn Club for Sumter County. The meeting will be called to order at noon at the county court house and all of the farmers in the county are requested to be present at the meeting.

The government experts are especially anxious to arouse interest in the work of the boys' corn clubs and the meeting is held here on a Saturday so that all of the boys from the county can attend the meeting. Saturday not being a school day. The teachers of the county are also requested to come out, as are the trustees of the schools and all others interested in agriculture and especially in the work of the boys' corn clubs in this State. The committee sent out by the government have planned a campaign over the entire State and Sumter will be the first place the campaign meeting in behalf of the boys' corn clubs will be held.

The Schwartz wheel sale begins Monday.

UPHOLDS PURE-FOOD WILEY.

HOUSE COMMITTEE PREPARES REPORT COMPLETELY EXONERATING CHAMPION.

Investigating Body Will Present Finding Monday Urging That Doctor be Given More Authority in Enforcement of Law.

Washington Jan. 19.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the chemistry bureau of the department of agriculture, the storm centre of the food investigation last summer, is given a clean bill of health in the report of the house committee that investigated the charges and countercharges. The committee in its report, which will be presented to the house next Monday, sustains Dr. Wiley all along the line, except on unimportant details.

The evidence taken in the case was voluminous, but the report is confined to the actual conclusion of the committee. The Republican members of the committee joined with the Democrats in making the report unanimous.

"There is no politics in the report," said Chairman Moss of the committee. "This fact, together with compromises on some of the matters about which the members of the committee had differences of view, permitted a full agreement."

The report pays much attention to the Remsen board to the activity of Solicitor McCabe, who was the principal opponent of Dr. Wiley in the department, and its recommendations in general are that Dr. Wiley be given a free hand in the enforcement of the pure food and drug law, thus limiting very largely the power formerly vested in Solicitor McCabe. This limitation already has been put into effect under the action taken by President Taft shortly after the adjournment of the extra session brought the active congressional investigation to a close. The final statement of approval of the conclusions was affixed by all the members of the committee today. The committee immediately ordered the report printed confidentially and declined to announce the recommendations until the report is made public next Monday.

The investigation was made by the house committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture, and its hearings during the recent extra session awakened wide national interest. Secretary Wilson, Dr. Wiley, Solicitor McCabe and a host of other witnesses contributed to the symposium of revelations regarding the demoralized conditions surrounding the administration of pure food law.

In the course of these hearings, Dr. Wiley told how most of his rulings were arbitrarily overruled, how a few cases of direct law violations disclosed by many lines of inquiry were taken out of his hands and turned over to the Remsen referee board of investigation. He said his hands were thus "absolutely paralyzed." His discussions conflicted with the Remsen board and he said the least that could be done for the public's protection was to prohibit the use of foods or drugs until the board had decided in favor of their use. He added that this policy had not been carried out. The big controversy between him and the Remsen board was over the chemistry bureau's finding that benzoate of soda was harmful.

Virtually the only dissent from the sweeping verdict for Dr. Wiley is based upon the irregular employment of Dr. H. H. Rusby of New York as a \$20 a day expert, a compensation which was not to aggregate over \$1,600 in any one year, the amount authorized under law. It was for this employment at that per diem rate, to get around the official limitation of pay for such services to \$1,600, that the personnel board of the department, first, and then Attorney General Wickersham recommended the removal of Dr. Wiley from office. Dr. Wiley's assistant, Dr. Dunlap, found a memorandum of the agreement on this subject when Dr. Wiley was absent and reported it to Secretary Wilson. Dr. Dunlap almost invariably sided with Solicitor McCabe in the decisions of the pure food board, of which Dr. Wiley was the other member.

Dr. Wiley told the committee just five months ago that he found it useless to appeal to Secretary Wilson and that he had "practically surrendered" his authority for enforcing the pure food law to McCabe and Dunlap. He declared the Rusby contract necessary to secure his services. He said that in using a letter from Dr. Rusby regarding his prospective services as an expert, the personnel board had

APPROVES THE SUMTER PLAN.

C. E. ASHBURNER, FORMER CITY MANAGER OF STAUNTON, VA., THINKS PLAN A GOOD ONE.

Mr. Ashburner Discusses Advantages of Having Commissioners Elected and City Manager Appointed by Them—As to Term of Officers, of Councilmen and City Manager—Other Points.

In view of the fact that Sumter is endeavoring to have a bill passed in the General Assembly providing for the commission form of government in this city, the following letter from Mr. C. E. Ashburner, formerly city manager of Staunton, Va., will be read with interest by the people of Sumter:

A. V. Snell, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Sumter S. C.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of 9th inst. Your plan is, in my opinion, an improvement upon the commission or Staunton plan. In the commission plan proper it is almost impossible to elect men who are experts in the various lines of work they have to undertake. Your city, I have no doubt, will elect good, honest business men who will be capable of deciding upon the best thing to do, their opinions being based upon reports and suggestions of their hired man, the general manager. Just as the president or board of directors of any corporation would, whereas they might not be able to thrash out the details of many important matters. For this reason and many more I favor your plan.

The Staunton plan will never obtain the results that are possible until the large council of two bodies is done away with. Napoleon said that one bad general was preferable to two good ones. Three councilmen are preferable to a larger number. I believe in the General Manager being purely an executive officer. He should furnish his plans and estimates of work and when authorized to go ahead, he should be left alone in absolute charge and responsibility. Your three commissioners would be paid and the people would know who to put their fingers on.

You ask my advice, take it for what you think it is worth. Elect your commissioners for four years or two, three and four for the first election, then all for four years. Let them hire a general manager for as long as he gives satisfaction. Just as any large corporation does. The "Big Boys" don't hire a man and let him hustle for his job each twelve months. They want the man who can deliver the goods. Be sure that your manager is a business engineer. That is a business man and engineer who can hire men, manage men and do any kind of construction in competition with any man. Make him responsible to no one but the commission and give to him the authority to hire and fire every man under him. He should purchase everything used by the city, unless, of course, the commission appoint one of their number as purchasing agent. If you care at any time to come up to Lynchburg I could go more into details. I am thoroughly familiar with all the trouble and crooks in municipal work and would be glad to help your city. One trouble with the general manager is that men who are capable receive more money and better treatment from private corporations. I am sure that I can help you as I was heart and soul in the work whilst I worked for Staunton but did not stand for election in July but went back into private life.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. ASHBURNER.

DEATH.

Mrs. Lillian Weatherly, the wife of Mr. A. C. Weatherly, died at her home on Council Street Friday night after an illness of only a few days.

The funeral services were held from the residence Saturday afternoon and the interment took place at the Sumter cemetery. Mrs. Weatherly is survived by her husband and two children, one three years old and the other an infant only a month old.

omitted the most essential portion of the letter, the statement of Dr. Rusby that the arrangement for his services had been agreed upon as fact and satisfactory "if approved by the department." Dr. Wiley testified that he fully explained to Secretary Wilson the terms of the arrangement with Dr. Rusby.